

church in Brookline, of which she was a member, for noble and substantial proof of their personal attachment; to ladies in South Berwick, Canton, Roxbury and Providence, for valuable presents of clothing and other marks of personal regard; and wherever she went, whether into the dwellings of the rich, or the cottages of the poor, she ever met with some proof of their sympathy and affection. They are all written on the tablets or my memory. Would that I could take the wings of the morning and stop at every door in succession, to return my personal acknowledgements, for their kind attentions to my lonely companion and my unprotected children, but then my feelings would repress the expressions of my heart, and I should have "to mean the thanks I cannot speak." I will recognize the hand of God in this; I will feel that he has given me grace in the eyes of my friends, and I will hear his voice calling me to greater devotedness to his service, to more holiness of life, to more strenuous efforts for the salvation of the debased heathen around me, and, through the grace of God, I will try to inspire their hearts with these noble traits of Christian friendship which so affect my own, but of which they have no conception.

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BURMAH. Letter from Mr. Kincaid.

In a communication from Mr. Kincaid, dated Maulmain, July 3, 1839, he gives the following account of the then present state of the mission in Burma:

I am still preaching to the native church in this place, twice on the Sabbath and four times during the week. Br. Stevens preaches Tuesday and Friday evenings. I have recently baptized five converts, and there are five or six others who are expected soon to receive this ordinance. Not long since the head native officer invited me to preach at his house, which was well filled with earnest listeners. The truth is evidently gaining ground here: the violence of opposition has diminished, and the number of inquirers is greater than has ever been known here before. Br. Stevens has commenced his school, and has the superintendence of all the assistants at this station.

About six weeks since, information was received from Ava, that the king had ordered 70 or 80,000 men to march for Rangoon, Bassein, and Young-oo, under the command of three of his sons. Now the order is countermanded. I have just received letters from Moung Na Gau and Moung Oo Doung, of the church at Ava. They give intelligence of the death of Moung Moung, one of the brethren of the church, and state that they have been threatened by the authorities, but hitherto they have been providentially preserved. I long to be there. My whole heart is there. If I had consulted my own judgment exclusively, I should have been there some months ago. Perhaps, however, it would not have been a wise course. My health is altogether better than it was a year since, and I hope I shall yet recover my original vigor. Mrs. Kincaid is far from being well. Br. Judson is still unable to preach. Br. and sister Simons have just buried two of their children, and another is dangerously ill. On the 21st of June, we heard from sister Brayton. She was then given up by two physicians, and was expected to live but a short time. Br. Wade has recently been suffering from his old complaint, which we much fear will ultimately cut him down or drive him from the country. We have intelligence that br. and sr. Howard reached Pining in safety, and that they were anticipating much benefit from the voyage. —*Ibid.*

Accounts of a later date speak more favorably of the state of Mrs. Brayton's health.

RESPONSES TO THE CIRCULAR OF THE BOARD.

Since the issuing of the Circular of the Board in January, we have been occasionally cheered by the responses which have been made to it, from various quarters, indicating that it has made on the minds of some, a deep impression, and that they feel that the Lord's work among the heathen must be accomplished. One individual, residing in a distant State, has placed \$500 at the disposal of the Treasurer. Others with less ability, have contributed what they could, and accompanied their offerings by such expressions of interest in the cause of missions, and of their sense of responsibility to their Master, that we present the readers of the Magazine with the following brief extracts from two of them, hoping that they may stimulate others to go and do likewise.

Extract of a letter dated Jan. 22, 1840.

When I saw your Circular, contained in the last number of the Magazine, I was deeply affected, and although the people of my charge had already done what they intended for Foreign Missions the present financial year, I felt that we must make an extra effort, to meet the present emergency. I embraced the first opportunity to read the Circular in public, and then I told the people, that as one dollar a month for every one hundred members in our churches for four months would relieve the Board of its present embarrassment, we must at least contribute our proportion of the sum thus indicated as required. And, as we had reason to fear that many churches would disregard the call, we must not think of satisfying ourselves by paying barely our proportion. It was proposed that a contribution should be taken the next Sabbath, which was done; the avails of which are herein enclosed.

I introduced the subject at our quarterly meeting yesterday, at Lebanon, and the following resolution was there unanimously adopted: *Resolved*, "That the present embarrassed state of the Baptist

Board of Foreign Missions calls for the sympathy of all our churches, and for immediate efforts to replenish its treasury;—and that it is the duty of the pastors of churches to read the Circular to their congregations without delay, and to take up contributions, and forward them to the treasurer." It would be easy for our churches to raise all that is required, if they could only be made to know their ability and understand their duty.

Extract from a letter dated Jan. 22, 1840.

I was much affected with your touching appeal on behalf of the Foreign Mission cause, in the January number of the Magazine. The thought of recalling any of our beloved missionaries, or of suspending any of our present operations is distressing in the extreme, and I am persuaded this will not be permitted by our half a million of American Baptists. Were any of the dear missionaries of Christ to return for want of support, as the ship which bore them approached our shores, I should imagine (like the celebrated Col. Gardiner, as related in his life, by Dr. Doddridge,) that I could see the Lord Jesus extended upon his cross above the shrouds of the vessel, and hear him exclaiming—"O my people, DID I SUFFER ALL THIS FOR YOU, AND ARE THESE YOUR RETURNS?" No, no, our beloved brethren have courageously descended into the well, and I feel confident their brethren will not let go the rope. When I read your appeal, I proposed to my dear people to make an immediate effort in aid of your exhausted treasury. The result was the collection of the enclosed \$42.80 which was handed in by different individuals, without personal solicitation, as a new year's offering of gratitude to God.

ADVOCATE AND BAPTIST.

PORTLAND, MARCH 18, 1840.

REVIVALS.

Revivals of religion were probably never more frequent in this country than at the present time. To all who sincerely love the interests of Zion, this fact must afford matter of gratitude and joy. Truly may it be said, that in the midst of deserved wrath, God is remembering mercy. Previous to this general awakening, a majority of the churches were in a languishing state—the sleep of death seemed to be upon them—the enemy was coming in like a flood; when lo, the Spirit of God lifted up a standard against him.

In almost all our large cities, there have been witnessed the most signal displays of grace in the conversion of sinners, since the commencement of the present year. These awakenings, in most cases, seem to have resulted from no extraordinary means resorted to by the churches where they have been enjoyed. Christians had been mourning in secret over the desolations of Zion, and praying that God would come and return the captivity of his people; but they scarcely dared to hope that he would come so speedily. Most literally has He verified the promise, "Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." Even while they were presenting petitions to the throne of grace, they found joyful occasion to exclaim, "The Lord is in this place, and we knew it not." A general disposition to religious conversation and inquiry on the part of the impenitent, (for the origin of which no reason could be assigned, only as it was referred to the influence of the Spirit) has strongly marked the commencement and the progress of these revivals.

It is gratifying to know that our own State has shared largely in this blessing. In both of our cities there is an encouraging attention to the subject of religion, while large accessions have been made to many churches in other sections of the State. All these tokens that God is specially present to bless, should lead Christians to the throne of grace, where alone a continuance of the blessing can be successfully sought.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.—We are indebted to several of our subscribers, each of whom has sent us a number of the Advocate containing the article entitled "The two Fishers of Men." The reader will perceive that we have republished this article in the present number.

End of the World in 1697.

It is worthy of remark, that almost every age since the advent of Christ, has furnished its champions, who have professed to hold in their hands the key with which to unlock the hitherto inaccessible treasures of revelation. A notable instance of the kind is related in Orme's Life and Times of Baxter. The passage containing this account is quoted by a writer in a late number of the Vermont Chronicle, who remarks that a Mr. Beverly, a zealous minister, and a cotemporary with Baxter, was led away with the imagination that he had discovered the true key to the interpretation of the mystical numbers of the Apocalypse, and wrote a book to show that the Millennium would commence in 1697. The writer also adds, that Mr. Beverly, from the time he published his book to the portentous year, in which, according to his theory, the Millennium was to commence, a period of nine years, "continued to send forth his publications on the subject, in great numbers, challenging every body to answer him;" and that "he lived to see all his prophetic calculations fail; so that on the year in which they should have commenced

their fulfilment, he resigned his pastoral charge, retired into the country, and shortly after sunk into obscurity." To this man, the pious Baxter addressed the following pointed and seasonable rebuke:

Your writings make it plain that you are a good man, of deep thoughts, fallen into a fond esteem of your new, unripe conceptions, and wrapt up thereby into a diseased conceitedness. How you will be able to bear it when Providence and experience have confuted you in 1697, I know not. But I am more bold to foretell your failing, by my persuasion, that your exposition of the Revelation is a mere mistake from the beginning almost to the end. Wonder not that nobody writteth to confute you. For men live not to trouble themselves with convincing every single man of his errors.

Summary of Revivals.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H.—In this place a very powerful work of grace has recently been experienced. More than fifty connected with the Baptist society have been hopefully converted. The blessing is shared by most of the evangelical churches in the town.

JEFFERSON, N. H.—Bro. Burrows writes to the Register that he has had the privilege of burying with Christ in baptism, fourteen happy converts, and that many more will probably go forward soon. Twenty had indulged a hope, and forty or fifty were deeply anxious for their souls.

GREAT FALLS, N. H.—The revival in this place continues with unabated interest. The number hopefully converted within a few weeks past, is estimated in several religious journals at from four to five hundred.

BALTIMORE, MD.—Bro. Adams writes to the Religious Herald: "The Lord is still crowning our labors in this city with his blessing. Yesterday five were baptized in our baptistery, making in all ninety-seven since October. It is believed that not less than two thousand have been added to the various churches in this city within the last 4 months."

SAVANNAH, GA.—In this city more than two hundred have united with the Baptists in the course of two months, and about one hundred with the Methodists.

CINCINNATI.—Bro. Lynd writes to the Cross and Journal, that within the space of four weeks, during which meetings had been held every evening with unabated interest, seventy-one put on Christ by baptism.

LAMERICK.—We learn that the Baptist church in this town, though small and feeble, are enjoying a revival. "Several have indulged hope, and others are anxious; others are waiting an opportunity to be baptized."

LIVERMORE.—A note from bro. Walker informs us that the church of which he is pastor, is "now enjoying a blessed revival; some have indulged hope, and others are anxious—meetings well attended and solemn."

Interesting to Churches.

The last number of the Christian Index brings us highly interesting intelligence from Galveston, the capital of Texas. It was furnished by Rev. Mr. Huckins, late of Calais, in this State, who, at the date of his letter, was about to travel into the interior of that infant Republic.

Galveston is an island, thirty miles long, and from two to four miles wide, the surface of which is elevated a few feet above high water, presenting to the eye of the traveller, a vast plain, with scarcely a tree or shrub to relieve the vision. On the eastern part of this island, says Mr. H., lies the city of Galveston, where three years ago, stood only one solitary dwelling. But now there are not less than six hundred houses, and three thousand inhabitants. Ships, steamboats, and smaller vessels line the wharves, ware-houses and shops stud the streets, and business men and strangers throng the city, which is rapidly rising in commercial importance.

But what we more particularly designed to say is, that a Baptist church was recently organized there under circumstances peculiarly interesting. Mr. Huckins thought of remaining only one day in Galveston, when he landed, but was unable to withstand the entreaties of several Baptist professors, who were there without any spiritual guide or any sanctuary in which to worship.

"On meeting with these," says Mr. H., "I was urged to spend one Sabbath if no more with them, and to collect and organize the scattered sheep of Christ's flock. To this solicitation, I at once yielded, and the Presbyterian Clergyman, (whose church is but just organized) kindly invited me to occupy his place for meeting on Sabbath night. I preached, the place was crowded to overflowing, and numbers with dejected spirits were forced to leave for the want of room. Never in any place have I met a congregation more respectable in their appearance, whose countenances exhibited more intelligence and cultivation, or who heard the word of life with more interest and apparent devotion, than on this occasion. At the close of the service, I announced the object of my mission, and requested all members of Baptist churches and all partial to Baptist sentiments to tarry a few moments after the benediction. About twenty-five remained, twelve of whom gave their names as members of Baptist churches in good standing, and requested to be organized into a church of Christ. The next Thursday night was appointed as a time to be set apart for presenting their letters, and for the examination of candidates. When Thursday came, in addition to the little band present, on the previous occasion, one of the most reputable men in the Republic, accompanied by his wife came forward and desired the ordinance of Baptism. This brother and his wife have lov-

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